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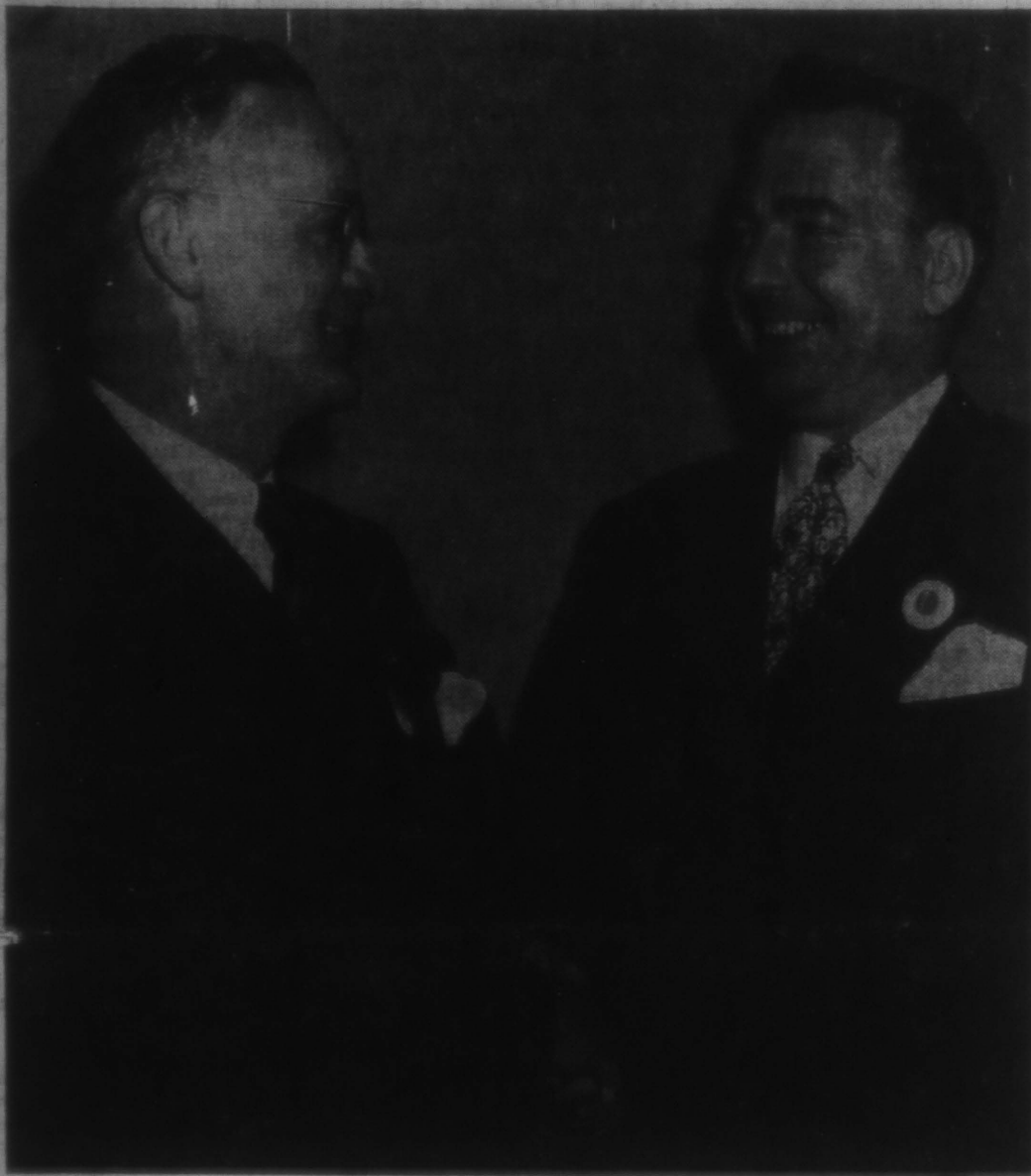


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TEAMSTERS HONOR GOMPERS



Pat Hess (left) congratulates Alex Campbell for good banquet address.

ATTEND 100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET FOR FATHER OF AFL

Teamsters from all parts of Indiana were in the assemblage of 700 union leaders and their wives in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, January 21 to honor the memory of Samuel Gompers.

Prominent among Teamsters was Pat Hess of Fort Wayne, seated at the speakers' table for being a vice-president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, sponsoring the banquet.

Others at the speakers' table were Governor Henry F. Schricker, Alex Campbell, former Asst. U. S. Attorney General; Carl Mullen, president of the State Federation, toastmaster; Appellate Judge Donald E. Bowen, Thomas R. Hutson, Commissioner of Labor; Rabbi William P. Greenfield, Harry O'Reilly, AFL director of organization; State Federation vice-presidents Mary Garner, Stanley J. Elliott, Roy Creasey, John E. O'Donnell, John Soucie, Hobart Auttersen and John Acker, State Federation secretary.

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Reynolds and Coakley Elected By Terre Haute (144) Teamsters

TERRE HAUTE — Jack Tartaglia, three years. Reynolds was elected president and William Coakley secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Union No. 144, Terre Haute at a meeting of this big local in its headquarters, 125 South 8th street, January 19.

Their terms are for five years. Other officers elected for the same period are Thomas Mellin, vice-president and Glen Rogers, recording secretary.

Trustees elected are Joseph Cruse, one year; Rollin Moss, two years and Tony

The general meeting, conducted by Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to President Tobin, nominated each of the officers and trustees without opposition, and their election was declared official when the recording secretary cast a unanimous ballot for each to that effect. Reynolds was nominated by Hubert Dix. Well known in Terre and elsewhere and personally popular, he is now in his tenth year as a business representative of

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This Is News!

Star Admits AFL Victory In Laundries

Teamster business agents say they were surprised to read one truthful paragraph in The Indianapolis Star of January 20 about the laundry situation in Indianapolis.

This paragraph, buried under a plug for a new NLRB election in 42 laundries and dry cleaning plants to replace the election held January 17-19, begrudgingly admitted that in the January election, "The vote was 1,272 for three AFL unions, 566 for the CIO and 54 for no union."

The article referred to an editorial on page 18 and the business agents really got a laugh out of the sanctimonious appeal, "Let's Have Laundry Peace."

Said the editorial, concerning "the nine-month jurisdictional fight which has plagued the industry

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O. B. CHAMBERS ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE

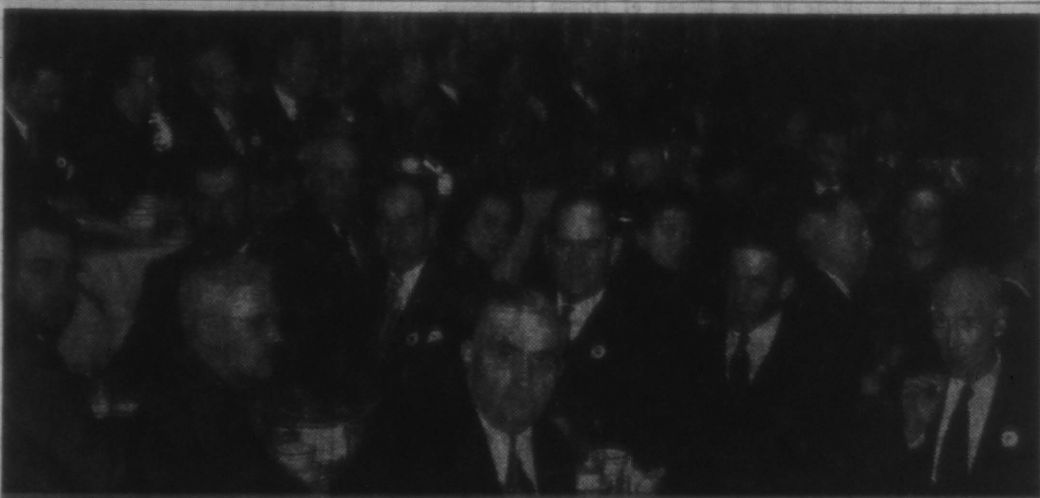
O. B. Chambers, who is credited with building the Kokomo local of Teamsters—No. 759—into one of the strongest unions in Indiana, was elected president of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters at its meeting in the Lincoln Hotel, January 20.

Charles Miller, conference vice-president was nominated without opposition for another term of his present office. He heads the Vincennes Teamsters, No. 417.

Clyde Birdsong of Evansville No. 215 was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Conference for the tenth consecutive year and Leo Bauer of Indianapolis 233 was elected recording secretary, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of O. B. Chambers, who had served in that office since 1943.

D. E. Mahoney of Muncie Local No. 369 who, as trustee, has been scrutinized

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ABOVE—Teamsters Local 135 was represented at Gompers banquet by E. J. Williams (center foreground) and (second row, left to right) Ray Friestuhler, Fred Marshall, Ed Foster, Nelson Wooten and Berkie Orr. John Moffield of Local 369, Muncie, is shown, extreme left, first row.

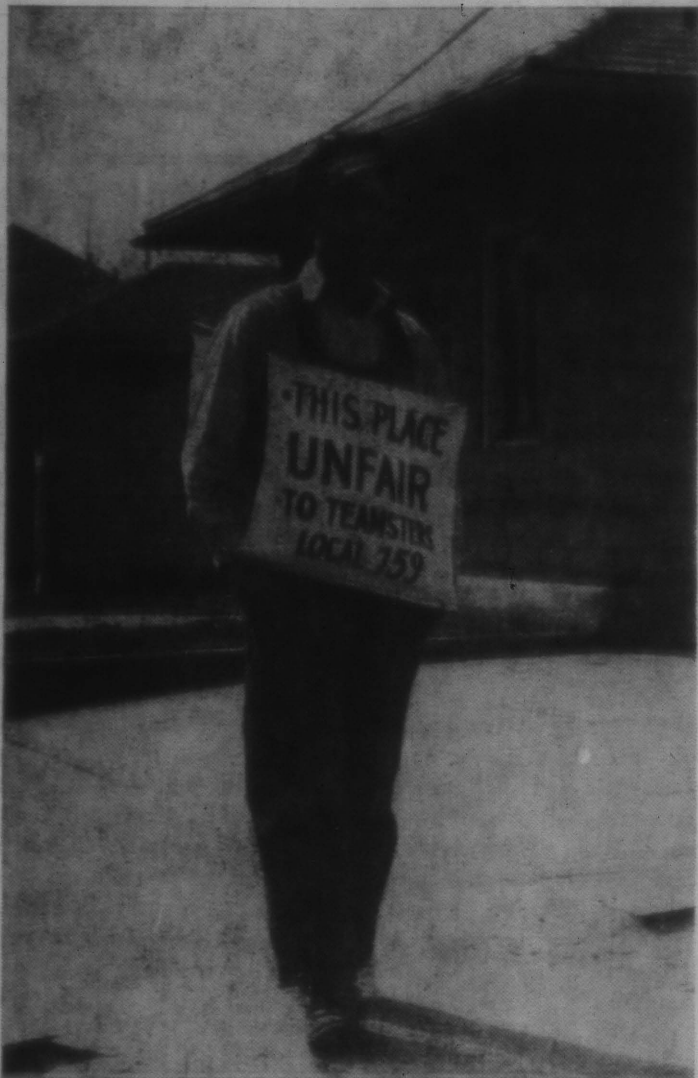
BELOW—Representing Local 716 (left to right): Earl L. Yount, Floyd Waldrup, Edward Crandall, Edward T. Carlson, Harry Hudson and Harry Poling.

Visible at speakers' table are Alex Campbell, Mrs. Hutson, Thomas R. Hutson, Labor Commissioner; Pat Hess, Mary Garner and John Soucie.



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HOWARD LUMBER STILL UNFAIR



All major coal and building material companies in Kokomo have signed a new agreement with Teamsters Union No. 759, giving the members improved working conditions as regards vacations, paid holidays and fringe issues.

The companies, according to O. B. Chambers, are: Coady Coal Co., Ellis Building Material Co., Sump-

tion, Heady and Hunt, Hansel Coal and Building Material Co.

Meanwhile the Howard Lumber Co. continues refusing to comply with the union conditions and is still being picketed.

Like John Brown's soul, Joe Roberts marches on—in front of the Howard County headquarters in South King street.

Look-See with 233

By ED and ED

Officers and members of Local 233 are distressed to learn of the accident which took the life of Brother Shirley Troxell on January 9. Driving his semi-trailer for the Jackson Trucking Co., Brother Troxell was crowded off the road by a reckless driver, who failed to stop when the tractor overturned, killing the driver. We wish to express our sympathy to the widow and other relatives and friends of Brother Troxell.

Let's all contribute to the March of Dimes campaign.

Hilgemeier and South Side Cold Storage contracts are settled for another year, with a wage increase, more liberal vacation program and fringe issues.

Capitol Hill Wine and Spirits Co. and Fred Beck Liquor Co. are negotiated for the next year, with several additional issues.

Rabbit season is over but the memory lingers on. Brother Pete Clouse of the Indiana Terminal claims he has a bush on his back 40 that was shaken by so many hunters seeking rabbits that when you get within 20 feet of the bush now it starts to shake.

The contract for the Stokely-Van Camp drivers is open and being negotiated at the present time.

The joint contract of Locals 233 and 188 with the Wadley Co. is open. Members at this company are asked to watch their bulletin board for notices of meetings.

Brother Dan Taylor and Robert Moore of the Indiana Terminal Cold Storage had some tough luck. Brother Taylor had an eye removed at the Veteran's Hospital and Brother Moore had his appendix removed. We hope a speedy recovery to both!

The officers and members of the local were shocked to hear of Brother Jack Keller's sudden death. Brother Keller was grocery steward at Kroger's Warehouse, where he had worked for 25 years. The sympathy of the local is extended to his wife, son, relatives and friends.

Brother Martin Stahl of J. C. Perry Co. is still off sick. We hope a speedy recovery for Brother Stahl!

Local 759 Signs Its City Freight Contract for 300

KOKOMO—Three hundred city freight drivers in Kokomo, Rochester, Logansport, Peru and Wabash are beneficiaries of the new contract just signed for them by Teamsters Union No. 759, granting them increased pay, health and welfare policies and adjusted holiday conditions.

According to O. B. Chambers, union secretary-treasurer, the agreement follows the newly signed 8-5 Over-the-Road contract.

This union also has signed with the beverage companies in its jurisdiction and obtained 10 cents an hour increase and other concessions from Shell American for oil transport drivers.

The Shell American contract was signed jointly with Teamsters Union No. 298 of Michigan City, headed by E. C. Wilkes.

22 Mayflower Accident-Free Drivers Cited

John H. Hinkle of Mayflower is credited with driving a van to all corners of the United States for nine years without a chargeable accident, in the January report on safe drivers made by Safety Director Magnus of the company.

Hinkle's safe-driving mileage during the period is 489,548 miles. Runner up in the list is Donald B. Mundy, with eight years and 430,306 accident-free miles.

William F. Pinegar is credited with five accident-free years of 266,970 miles, while four-year honor drivers are: J. Hugh Taylor, Elmer O. Coleman, Roy Randall and Lloyd B. Clark.

Other drivers cited are: Three years—John A. Howard, Claude W. Fox, Joseph T. Allee, Robert G. Weger and Charles L. Ditsworth.

Two years—James V. Morton. One year—Gene Groves, Robert E. Potter, Richard N. Wiggins, Howard Keller, John W. Davis, Elmer R. Fordice, Charles R. Hunter, William E. Devine and Spurgeon M. Wilson.

Reynolds and Coakley Elected

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the Teamsters and has seen them through plenty of trying days. He was once an over-the-road driver and knows the problems of the card-carriers first hand.

Coakley, in his fourth year as a business representative of Local 144, also knows transportation from the driver's seat. Formerly he drove the streets of Terre Haute for the Prairie State Motor Freight Co. Last month he was elected recording secretary of Teamsters Joint Council 69.

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STATE TEAMSTERS CONFERENCE ELECTS CHAMBERS PRESIDENT

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ing receipts and expenditures as long as Clyde Birdsong has been reporting them to the Conference, was re-elected trustee, serving with E. C. Wilkes of Michigan City, 298 and S. W. Helton, Lafayette, 543.

In addition to running the Kokomo-Logansport-Peru-Wabash (etc.), Local 759, and serving as recording secretary of the Conference, O. B. Chambers has long been active in Joint Council 69, of

18 central Indiana unions of Teamsters. Last month he was re-elected president of that organization. And also last month he was elected trustee of the Kokomo Labor Temple Assn.

Once O. B. was a business agent in Indianapolis, at a time when the going was really rough.

Let's start something during Union Label Week that adds to the Union Label's popularity. The time is September 3rd through the 10th—the place is in your own locality!

OVER-THE-ROAD FOUR RE-ELECTED

Delegates from the Indiana Conference of Teamsters to the Central States Drivers Council were re-elected by the Conference January 20 as follows:

E. J. Williams, Indianapolis, chairman; Walter E. Biggs, South Bend, and Pat Hess, Fort Wayne;

O. B. Chambers, Kokomo, alternate.

The committee represents all over-the-road drivers in Indiana.

Pete Is Recovering

E. C. Wilkes, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Union No. 298 Michigan City has returned to his home from the Fairview Hospital in LaPorte, where he underwent an operation on his knee cap.

Former Mayflower Driver Now Making Hand-Tooled Billfolds

By SWEDE CARLBOM

In our midst is a man who walks with difficulty and great effort because his right side is partly paralyzed. Once upon a time, not long ago, he enjoyed vigorous health and ambition. Life to him was only play. Then one day misfortune struck. He was taken from the ranks of us strong and healthy drivers. He was disqualified as an operator and forbidden to drive a van any more. The thought of being doomed to inactivity, as an invalid, beset him and he looked the future with dread. His name is Brother Niccum.

Some time ago when I met him in Indianapolis, he walked with unsteady, faltering steps, but handicapped as he was, I thought I discerned in his eyes a hopeful "never die" gleam; a spirit of faith in life itself.

On a later visit I was glad to know that Brother Niccum, thanks to our union, had started a Billfold Tooling Shop in his basement where he lives. For the price of \$7.00 he will hand tool the finest billfold one has ever seen, with the design of a Mayflower Ship on one side and your initials on the other. Brother Niccum makes them of the finest leather obtainable, guaranteed to last nine life-times providing one lives ten years each life.

The billfolds come in black brownish and red brownish leathers, with laced edges. If you do not want one for yourself, order one for your son, nephew or friend. Personally I am blessed with several billfolds with a little dough in each one, but regardless, I ordered one with the initials M. K. C. The M. stands for Maurice which is an awful cute name. The K. for Krisline which will add a feminine touch to my billfold and of course, C. for Carlbon.

So boys, when in Indianapolis, give Brother Niccum an order for his fine hand tooled billfolds, and I am sure the Good Lord will bless you tenfold. His address is 3321 East 20th street, or Local 193 will get in touch with him for you.

P. S.—Brother Niccum drove a Mayflower van for 13 years. Seven years ago I became his student, a reason why I am today a High Class furniture man, although the boys in the Indianapolis office unanimously disagree.

News Notes From Local 193

By F. D. OWENS

Swede Carlbon is back driving a big yellow truck after the gravel deal.

Quite a few people are wondering if they have changed Fourth of July to January, after all the noise in a certain block of Massachusetts Ave. during the week of January 8-14!

Mr. and Mrs. "Shorty" McMinn, Swede Carlbon and many others were in Indianapolis after the first of the year. A few nice parties were held in their honor. All the fellows were awaiting trucks.

Bruce Baker is at home in Dallas, Tex., injured, but nobody seems to know what is wrong. Hope he gets back on his feet and around soon.

H. Withington received a beautiful pin for being the man of the month.

John Poe, Samson Paper employe, is the proud father of a new son. John joined the union and started raising a family.

Roy Pettit, Columbia Transportation employe, is home with a broken foot. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Lafayette-Frankfort Teamsters

By S. W. HELTON

The officers of Local 543 are:

President	Glen H. Rabanus
Vice-President	James Cross
Secretary-Treasurer	S. W. Helton
Recording Secretary	John Allen
Three-Year Trustee	Fred Deck
Two-Year Trustee	Earl Lock
One-Year Trustee	Fay Meneely

MEETING DATES: Third Monday of each month, Lafayette.
Last Saturday of each month, Frankfort.

The officers and members of Local 543 extend their sympathy to the widow and relatives of Brother Leslie Spencer.

Leslie met death at 4:10 a. m. Friday, January 13, when his semi collided with a Pennsylvania train in the fog eight miles north of Wabash, on Highway 15.

Leslie, who was 35 years old, had been driving for the National Homes for a year. He was a competent driver and was well liked by all of his associates.

Besides his many friends of Local 543, he leaves his widow, at 1631 1/2 Kossuth St., and other relatives to mourn his leaving.

Our contract with Milner Provision Co. at Frankfort is open for negotiations.

'Star' Has Nerve to Advocate Peace In Laundry Industry

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ever since the AFL ensnared the workers in an undemocratic deal with a group of companies.

"The trouble never would have started had the AFL and the companies not abused democratic process by forcing free American workers to join certain labor unions or lose their jobs."

What the editorial should have said about this particular trouble is that it never would have existed except for the fact that it was promoted from start to finish by The Indianapolis Star.

The "undemocratic deal" complained of was a contract signed in March, 1949 between three AFL unions, representing sales drivers, laundry and dry cleaning workers and 27 employers, for the one purpose of ending trouble in the industry.

There had been strikes and fights and firings and some of the companies were hiring private detectives to spy out union talkers. One laundry, the Excelsior, had given in after a long walk-out and signed with the Teamsters (No. 188 headed by C. E. Davis).

Another laundry, the Lux, fired several employees for signing union cards and still holds this threat over everybody in its employ, thus forcing free American workers not to join certain labor unions or lose their jobs. How's that for abusing democratic process, Mr. Editorial Writer?

In the Lux case the NLRB refused to intervene, on the sound theory of having no jurisdiction. The NLRB took the same attitude in the present situation until Senator Capehart, according to Frank Edwards, snapped a whip in Washington and made the NLRB change its mind and hold the election. The Star's master mind in trying to gum the laundry

contract could have thought of having Capehart do this. He thought of everything else in grinding his personal axe against top AFL leaders.

He started when the laundry agreement was first reached by digging up an obscure CIO "State Director" of department store workers named Romer, of not more than 1,000 members in the whole state, and blowing Romer into front page importance as a big labor leader.

With Romer fronting the attack The Star promoted strikes at the Progress and other laundries, and of course ignored the violence in which one Teamster business agent's coat was slashed to ribbons by a CIO picket.

The Star even found a clergyman who welcomed publicity and ghost wrote for him an eloquent protest against the "undemocratic" laundry agreement.

The Star played up "big mass meetings" of CIO laundry workers, which were never in fact bigger than 30 to 250 strong and utterly ignored two meetings of AFL laundry workers, one of which was attended by 800 the other by 1,000 members, on December 20 and January 16 respectively.

And now finally The Star is promising a million dollar laundry to employ 233 or more CIO suckers who believed the published lies about Romer's importance, and lost their jobs as a result. Holding out this false hope to so many jobless men and women is a dirty trick.

Are we to assume also that Romer's manager on The Star will promise a million dollar hotel in Indianapolis to give jobs to the Claypool Hotel strikers who followed Romer — out the window?

MAHONEY'S BOYS ARE SAFE DRIVERS



Muncie Star Photos

Members of Teamsters

Union No. 369 who are employed by the Tarbet Trucking Co. of Muncie have had publicity in the Muncie newspapers recently for their excellent driving records.

The Star pictured James Batty and Edmond Steinke as driving more than a million miles each without a chargeable accident, in reporting a dinner given by their company, January 9, to them and other accident-free drivers.

And the Press reports that dinner thus:

James Batty has been driving a Tarbet Trucking Co. truck through the crowded streets of Muncie for the last 16 years.

Edmond Steinke has been piloting semi-trailers and tandem trucks for the same company between Muncie, St. Louis and Cleveland for 13 years, piling up a total mileage of 1,300,000 miles.

What's strange about that, one might ask.

Neither man has a chargeable accident against his record in all those years of driving.

This was revealed by J. C. Nichols, assistant general manager of the Tarbet Co., in naming the 52 drivers of the company who had perfect records in 1949.

These drivers were the guests of the company, at a dinner meeting at Carpenter's. Awards were presented following the dinner. Attending with Mr. Tarbet were Mr. Nichols, J. B. Leatherman, Mr. Bell of the Continental Casualty Co., and Pat Mahoney of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union.

An ambitious safety program was outlined for 1950 with the drivers to share in substantial awards.

Drivers honored were: 16 years, James Batty; 13 years, Edmond Steinke; eight years, Carl Elser; five years, George Humphrey; four years, August Schoonover, J. C. Duhon, Robert Craig, Fred Holt, William Vorhees, Roy Canaster and James Athens; two years, Lloyd Maddy, William Sanders, Jack Valandingham, Joe Faulkner and Jacob Porter.

One year—John Harmon, James M. Fish, William Myers, Emerald Bowl, Art Rector, Richard Brown, Walter Hartley, Robert R. Batt, Delmar E. Polk, Harold Staul, Orrin E. Franklin, Russell Miller, Henry Kinser, Clifford Ramsey, Ronald Frazee, Ira Stauder, Robert Templeton, Roy Beall, James Storey, Walter Rawlings, Clarence Tucker, Russell Bainter, Albert Wingfield, Maurice Hodges, Stewart Stevenson, Jesse Troxell, Roy Rappenhagen, Theodore Snider, Robert Drum, Tony White, Robert Hamilton, Joseph Belconis and Archie Francis.

Make Mine 3-6-9

By D. E. MAHONEY

The next regular meeting of this Local Union will be held Sunday, February 12, at 10 a. m., in the Labor Temple, Marion.

Local Union No. 369 has signed a contract with the Court Supply Co., Muncie. The Court Supply Co. sells coal and building materials. Our members received an increase of 85 cents per hour.

DRIVERS FOR THE BARLEY & SPENCER LUMBER CO. AT MARION HAVE SIGNED WITH THIS LOCAL AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS.

Wilbur (Windy) Chenoweth of the Hayes Freight Lines, Marion, was in an automobile accident on New Year's Eve and had his back broken. He is able to be out and around now with his cast on but it will be possibly three months or more before he will be able to do any work. Tough luck, Windy, that was a poor way to start off the New Year!

Hershel Moore of the Marion Trucking Co., Marion, who had his back broken some time ago, has his cast off now and has had a steel brace made and is able to be up and around but it will be some time before he will be able to do anything. We are glad to know that he is at least able to be up and around!

PLEASE DO NOT PATRONIZE THE DIETZEN OR HAMP-TON'S BAKERIES. Following is list of bakeries that are 100% organized and we would appreciate your patronage: COLONIAL BAKING CO., SINGER'S BAKERY, OMAR, INC., and CONTINENTAL BAKING CO.

BUY FAMOUS PIES!!! SEND YOUR CLEANING TO THE FRENCH STEAM DYE WORKS OF MUNCIE!!!

Negotiations are in progress on a new agreement covering the drivers of Ball Stores.

Heard and Seen at 716

By HARRY HUDSON

The agreement covering members employed by the American Aggregates Corp. has been settled and at a meeting held January 10, 1950, the members ratified the agreement. In addition to a wage increase the negotiating committee was successful in getting an insurance policy covering employees and dependents, with weekly pay for absence due to sickness, life insurance, accidental death insurance on a 24-hour coverage. W. S. Dittmore, Sanford Humphries, Harry R. Hudson, secretary-treasurer of Local 716, and Edward T. Carlson, president of Local 716, represented the members. Wm. Edward Hale, secretary; F. Grant, district manager, and L. Garrison, local plant manager, represented the corporation.

SICK CALL

G. L. Anderson, assistant business representative of Local 716, is at the Veteran's Hospital on Cold Springs Road because of the recurrence of a war injury.

W. S. Dittmore, American Aggregates Corp., is now at home after a week in Methodist Hospital.

Sanford Humphries, steward at American Aggregates Corp., is also home after a few days at Methodist Hospital.

The above two brothers, along with E. T. Carlson and Harry R. Hudson, were involved in a serious automobile accident of U. S. Highway 40 after completing negotiations with the American Aggregates Corp. at Greenville, Ohio.

The officers and members of Local No. 716 wish to extend to the sick and injured brothers a speedy recovery.

A word of caution to all ex-GI's receiving a refund from their National Service Insurance: Be on the lookout for sharpies and con-men having get-rich-quick schemes with your dough. They get rich and you get rid of your dough, quick!

We are happy to announce that all former members of Local Union No. 135 employed in the Rigging and Heavy Hauling industry are now members of Local No. 716 and deserve your support and co-operation as fellow brothers.

Meeting date are as follows:

General Meeting	Last Friday of Month
Individual Owners	First Wednesday of Month
Riggers and Heavy Haulers	Second Wednesday of Month

All meetings start promptly at 8:00 p. m.

TEAMSTERS HONOR MEMORY OF GOMPERS AT BANQUET



This picture, snapped just before Governor Schricker (background) spoke, shows Willis Thomas and Clarke F. Johnson of Local 369 (left foreground). First row (left to right): George Acton, Thomas Helms, Leo Collins of Local 135, and Mrs. and Mr. Lee Lantz of 759. Mrs. Pat Hess of Ft. Wayne sits left center, while to her right are Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Chambers and Tom Tobin of Local 759.



Jack Reynolds (extreme left) and William Coakley (right), newly elected officers of Local 144, Terre Haute, brought their wives to the banquet. Also shown in the picture is the executive board of Local 233, headed by Leo Bauer, president (extreme right), sitting next to George Campbell of Local 384, South Bend. Second row (left to right): Edward McCarthy, secretary-treasurer; William Osborne, vice-president; Wilfred Brunk, trustees. Third row (left): Harry Bowers, trustee.



Elmer Nolan, secretary-treasurer of Local 73, Clinton, is shown (center) with the members of his executive board.

Teamsters Honor Gompers

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Although candidate for the Democratic nomination of Senator to run against Homer Capehart—and we wish him luck—Alex Campbell kept politics out of his eulogy of the founder and first president of the AFL.

He sketched Samuel Gompers' life, from his birth, January 27, 1850 through his work as cigar maker and as president of the AFL from 1881 to his death December 13, 1924.

Other speakers included Governor Schricker, who said he had once met Samuel Gompers, at a convention in Baltimore; Judge Bowen and Mr. O'Reilly.

Birdsong, Rhoads On CLU Committee

EVANSVILLE—Clyde Birdsong, head of Teamsters Union No. 215 has been appointed to the Commu-

nity Chest committee of the Evansville Central Labor Union, and Lloyd Rhoads of Taxicab Drivers Local 11 to the Legislative committee of that central body. Announcement was made by John Soule, CLU president.

Taxi Driver Burned by Boiling Water

EVANSVILLE—Shirley Moody of 1724 Hollywood avenue, Yellow Cab driver and a member of Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11, is recovering from burns received when boiling water spurted out of the radiator of his cab.

He was treated at Welborn Baptist hospital for first degree burns on the left side of his face, ear and left wrist.

NOW IT'S MONKEY DOO

Who is this man of many nicknames, this business agent of the Teamsters in Muncie?

We hear him called Junior, Runt, Pee-Wee.

But the waitress in Wheeler's hung a new one on him Saturday noon when he came to Indianapolis for the Gompers' dinner. She called him Mr. Monkey Doo.

Up to Date with Local No. 188

By CLARA WILHELM

Congratulations are in order for Brother Leonard Bea, our secretary-treasurer and steward at Continental Baking Co. His company presented him with a radio this month, as an award for having completed 15 years of no-accident driving. His mileage record for the 14 years totals 144,900 miles of city and country driving, which is a lot of miles!

At the completion of his tenth year without an accident, Continental presented him with a gold pocket watch. Inscribed on the face instead of the usual numerals, are the words "SAFE DRIVER", which makes it very different looking, and something to be proud of, both from its general appearance and the record it signifies.

On top of that, Brother Bea and Mrs. Bea have just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They received their friends at an open house party on December 18 in honor of this silver anniversary, which is another record of which they both can be proud. To both of them we extend our wishes for many more anniversaries.

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The Polk Milk Co. contract for 1950 has been agreed upon.

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New contracts for Perfection, Sawyer and National Biscuit Co.'s have been signed.

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The contract for Home Made Pie Co. has been signed, with a substantial increase in pay.

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Bryson Weaver, steward at the Tiffany Laundry, was rushed to the hospital recently for an appendectomy. We are pleased to report that he is mending satisfactorily at his home.

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Mrs. Reese Phillips presented her husband with a baby girl early this month at Methodist Hospital. Brother Phillips is employed at Polk Milk Co. Best wishes to all of you!

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Fred Roberts, steward at General Baking Co. over the Friehofer Sales Drivers, is convalescing at his home following an operation. He is improving rapidly, but will be away from his job for some time. Good luck to you, Fred!

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Ernest Hollis, with Kessler Baking Co., is recuperating from an operation. We wish you a rapid recovery, Brother Hollis.

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Surely by now all of you have been shown the sharp looking new hat which our president, C. E. Davis, has been sporting lately. It was presented to him by the Omar flour haulers, and he is justly proud of it.

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At the recent meeting of the Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Lewis Zaring was appointed the new steward at Darko Cleaners. Good luck, Lew! Call us any time we can be of assistance to you.

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Now may we ask a favor of all you stewards. Please report to us any change of addresses which comes to your attention, and ask your members to advise you on that score. Also advise us whenever any of the members leave their employ so we can mark our records accordingly. Thank you!

29 Evansville Drivers Honored

EVANSVILLE — Twenty-nine truck drivers, employees of Automobile Shippers, Inc., and members of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215 were honored for outstanding performance at the annual safety banquet at Vendome Hotel, January 15.

Elmert Burkhardt was honored for 8 accident-free years; Dale Hamilton and Donald Schmidt, for 7 and Fred Weaver, Hugh Gehlhausen, C. Arden and Grant Hollis, for 6 years of driving without mishap.

Other drivers recognized and number of years they have driven without accident: Clyde Canfield, William Basden, Eugene Schafer, Samuel Smothers, Marshall Sumner, Roger Kite, Harold Laswell and Augus Green, two years; Maxey Ayers, Robert Decker, Newton Simmons, Owen Yates, Oral Simpson, Raymond Seebode, Paul Wilson, Walter Morton, Burt Runyan, Raymond Getner, James Mays, Marion McNeely, Walter Elliston and Lester Alexander, one year.

Norman J. Bleau, director of safety and personnel for Automobile Shippers in Detroit, Mich., presided at the banquet. He lauded the truckers' record of being in only 10 accidents in 3,000,000 miles of driving.